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Title: METHOD OF SUPPORT OF ENVIRONMENTALLY  
CONCERNED DESIGN OF MANUFACTURED GOODS, AND  
METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING RECYCLING  
SUPPORT INFORMATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments prior to the examination of the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claims 11, 15 and 19 as follows:

11. (AMENDED) The system for providing recycling support information recited in claim 9 comprising:

a means for acquiring recycling process data of the above recycling operator by the above manufacturer via a communication circuit.

15. (AMENDED) The method of providing recycling support information recited in claim 12, wherein:

the above recycling operator provides recycling process data to the above manufacturer.

19. (AMENDED) The method of support of environmental operation recited in claim 17, wherein:

operation support is performed in corporate or joint corporate group units of the above manufacturers.

Please ADD new claims 20-22:

20. (NEW) The system for providing recycling support information recited in claim 10 comprising:

a means for acquiring recycling process data of the above recycling operator by the above manufacturer via a communication circuit.

21. (NEW) The method of providing recycling support information recited in claim 13, wherein:

the above recycling operator provides recycling process data to the above manufacturer.

22. (NEW) The method of support of environmental operation recited in claim 18, wherein:

operation support is performed in corporate or joint corporate group units of the above manufacturers.

(A copy of the marked-up version of amended claims 11, 15 and 19 is attached to this Preliminary Amendment).

REMARKS

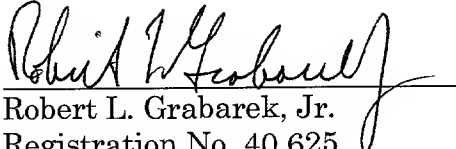
Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or this application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket 381HI/50631).

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

Please amend claims 11, 15 and 19 as follows:

11. (AMENDED) The system for providing recycling support information recited in claim 9 [or 10] comprising:

a means for acquiring recycling process data of the above recycling operator by the above manufacturer via a communication circuit.

15. (AMENDED) The method of providing recycling support information recited in claim 12 [or 13], wherein:

the above recycling operator provides recycling process data to the above manufacturer.

19. (AMENDED) The method of support of environmental operation recited in claim 17 [or 18], wherein:

operation support is performed in corporate or joint corporate group units of the above manufacturers.